

ANTICIPATED ADDITIONAL RESEARCH AND PROGRAMS

The *San Joaquin River & Bluff Protection Initiative* is being created to help address issues specific to the Bluff and River area. However, the enormity of the task necessitates the *SJRBPI* to be the beginning of a multi-phased effort to establish uniformity of regulation and enforcement in the River Bluff Area. There is a need, therefore, for additional measures to be researched and implemented by various City departments. We anticipate requesting City staff to conduct research and make recommendations regarding the following:

Fresno Police Department: We are requesting that PD create a community watch/volunteer program to provide additional coverage of the River Bluff area; investigate equipment partnership opportunities with Fresno County;

Fresno Fire Department: We are requesting that Fresno Fire research and work with stakeholders/land owners on the implementation of defensible space requirements; investigate the best practices of other cities, research lateral fire risks between property lines, and to seek grant funding or other sources of revenue to maintain defensible space along the River Bluff;

PARCS/Public Works: We are requesting that PARCS and Public Works create a plan for the placement of signs, gates and trash receptacles in and around the River Bluff area;

Code/Police/Fire/Public Works: We are requesting a cooperative strategy be created for enforcement of the *SJRBPI*, notices of the defensible space requirements be sent out under the auspices of the weed abatement program, and community outreach tailored to the requirements brought about by the dry season;

City Attorney: Even though the City of Fresno is taking proactive steps to create a safe and enjoyable environment for resident's to enjoy the River Bluff area, we are limited to enforcing the *SJRBPI* only on City land. As part of the ongoing process of protecting this valuable natural resource, we are asking the City Attorney's office to work with relevant agencies and stakeholders to form partnerships and agreements regarding jurisdiction and concurrent enforcement of relevant laws;

Other Potential Areas of Research: It is anticipated staff will further research parking enforcement in residential areas along the River Bluff area; and

It is anticipated that each department will be asked to provide the City Council with recommendations and funding/budget strategies for each program for further review and ultimately City Council approval within three months.